



The Army Way of Life

Survey of Army Families V

- 1. All spouses:** 62.8% of spouses would be very satisfied/satisfied if the Soldier were to make or has made the Army a career; 12.6% would be dissatisfied/very dissatisfied.
- 2. All spouses:** 54.2% are very satisfied/satisfied with the kind of life they can have in the Army; 15.5% are dissatisfied/very dissatisfied.
- 3. All spouses:** 43.4% are very satisfied/satisfied with the respect the Army shows Soldiers; 24.0% are dissatisfied/very dissatisfied.
- 4. All spouses:** 37.0% are very satisfied/satisfied with the respect the Army shows spouses; 28.5% are dissatisfied/very dissatisfied.
- 5. All spouses:** 34.9% are very satisfied/satisfied with the concern the Soldier's unit has for families; 32.3% are dissatisfied/very dissatisfied.



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6. **All spouses:** Since 2001, there has been an *increase* in the percentage of those who would be or are very satisfied/satisfied:

- If the Soldier were to make or has made the Army a career (57.3% in 2001, 62.8% in 2004/5)
- With the kind of life they can have in the Army (48.9% in 2001, 54.2% in 2004/5)
- With the respect the Army shows Soldiers (36.5% in 2001, 43.4% in 2004/5)
- With the respect the Army shows spouses (30.7% in 2001, 37.0% in 2004/5)
- With the concern Soldier's unit has for families (29.5% in 2001, 34.9% in 2004/5)



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- 7. All spouses: Spouses reported the following as a very serious/serious problem:**
 - Possibility the Soldier may re-deploy after returning from deployment (51.6%)
 - Possibility that the Soldier may be involved in combat (40.6%)
 - Possibility that the Soldier may be deployed on/to a peacekeeping (non-combat) mission (23.6%)
- 8. All spouses: Since 2001, *higher* percentages rated the possibility of the Soldier being involved in combat (30.8% in 2001, 40.6% in 2004/5) and *lower* percentages rated the possibility of the Soldier spouse being deployed during a peacekeeping (non-combat) mission (52.3% in 2001, 23.6% in 2004/5) as a very serious/serious problem.**
- 9. All spouses: Since 1991/2, *higher* percentages rated the possibility of the Soldier being involved in combat (26.9% in 1991/2, 40.6% in 2004/5) and separations from their own family (11.5% in 1991/2, 15.9% in 2004/5) as a very**



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10. All spouses: Spouses reported that during the last 6 months they or their families have experienced the following problems to a very great/great extent:

- Emotional/nervous problem (15.3%)
- Marital problem (10.7%) (3.7%)
- Financial difficulty (10.7%)
- Parenting difficulty (4.6%) (1.0%)
- Caring for elders (4.2%)
- Drug/alcohol-related problem
- Family violence (1.3%)
- Gambling-related problem

11. All spouses: Since 2001, there has been an *increase* in the percentage reporting they have experienced an emotional or nervous problem (11.8% in 2001, 15.3% in 2004/5) to a very great/great extent, and a *decrease* in those who reported financial difficulty (15.1% in 2001, 10.7% in 2004/5).



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12. All spouses: Spouses reporting that they are very satisfied/satisfied or dissatisfied/very dissatisfied with the level of support and concern shown by NCOs, Officers, and leaders in high post or installation positions include:

- NCOs in Soldier's unit or place of duty (37.6% satisfied, 26.2% dissatisfied)
- Officers in Soldier's unit or place of duty (34.6% satisfied, 29.9% dissatisfied)
- Leaders in high post or installation positions (25.1% satisfied, 28.9% dissatisfied)



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13. All spouses: Since 2001, spouses' satisfaction with the support and concern that NCOs and Officers in the Soldier's unit and post/installation leaders show families has *increased* and their dissatisfaction has *decreased*.

	<u>Very satisfied/</u> <u>Satisfied</u>		<u>Dissatisfied/</u> <u>Very</u> <u>dissatisfied</u>	
	2001	2004/5	2001	2004/ 5
NCOs in Soldier's unit or place of duty	34.3%	37.6%	30.9%	26.2%
Officers in Soldier's unit or place of duty	31.9%	34.6%	34.2%	29.9%
Leaders in high post/installation positions	23.0%	25.1%	34.7%	28.9%



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- 14. All spouses: 37.4% believe that leaders of the Soldier's unit know about family programs and 36.0% believe that these leaders are concerned about the welfare of the Soldiers' families to a very great/great extent.**
- 15. All spouses: Since 2001, there has been an *increase* in the percentage of spouses who believe that leaders of the Soldier's unit know about family programs (23.4% in 2001, 37.4% in 2004/5) and are concerned about the welfare of the Soldiers' families (24.3% in 2001, 36.0% in 2004/5) to a very great/great extent.**
- 16. All spouses: 65.6% believe that leaders of the Soldier's unit know about family programs and 59.4% believe that these leaders are concerned about the welfare of Soldier's families to a very great/great/moderate extent.**



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17. All spouses: Since 2001, there has been an *increase* in the percentage who reported that unit leaders know about family programs (55.8% in 2001, 65.6% in 2004/5) and are concerned about the welfare of Soldiers' families (49.7% in 2002, 59.4% in 2004/5) to a very great/great/moderate extent.

18. All spouses: 55.7% said that there is always a friend, neighbor or relative (besides their Soldier spouse) at their current location who will listen when they need to talk, 30.8% reported that sometimes there is someone (besides their Soldier spouse) at their current location who will listen when they need to talk, and 13.5% do not have someone at their current location who will listen when they need to talk.

19. All spouses: Since 1991/2, there has been an *increase* in the percentage of spouses who reported that there is **ALWAYS** a friend, neighbor, or relative (besides their Soldier spouse) at their current location who will listen when they need to talk (51.1% in 1991/2, 55.7% in 2004/5) and a *lower* percentage



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20. All spouses: Those who strongly agreed/agreed and disagreed/strongly disagreed with the following statements include:

	<u>Strongly agree/Agree</u>	<u>Disagree d/Strongly disagree d</u>
The Army community is a good place for bringing up children under 11 years of age	49.2%	13.9%
Service members assume responsibility for making this installation a better place	46.3%	14.2%
Families assume responsibility for making this installation a better place	45.7%	16.6%
People can depend on each other in this installation	43.3%	21.0%
If I had an emergency, people I do not know in this installation would be willing to help	41.1%	20.2%
Families find it easy to make connections with other families at this installation	41.7%	23.4%
Army community is a good place for bringing up children between 11-19 years	36.1%	20.1%



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21. All spouses: Those who have a personal or family problem reported that they would be willing to turn to the following:

	<u>Strongly agree/Agree</u>	<u>Disagree d/ Strongly disagree d</u>
A family member for help	89.2%	4.7%
A friend for help	81.7%	8.5%
Religious leaders or friends from church or synagogue	50.3%	22.7%
A neighbor for help	36.6%	42.1%
Services ON the installation for help	36.2%	31.7%
Services OFF the installation for help	30.6%	33.4%



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22. **All spouses**: 70.1% reported that their family has adjusted extremely well/well (Range 1-4) to the demands of being an “Army family.” 6.9% reported their family has adjusted badly/extremely badly (Range 8-11).
23. **All spouses**: There is no significant difference in how well families have adjusted to the demands of being an “Army family” between 2001 and 2004/5.
24. **All spouses**: 35.3% are very satisfied/satisfied with the support and concern the Army has for their family. 27.9% are dissatisfied/very dissatisfied.
25. **All spouses**: Since 2001, a *larger* percentage reported being very satisfied/satisfied (31.1% in 2001, 35.3% in 2004/5) and a *smaller* percentage reported being dissatisfied/very dissatisfied (32.9% in 2001, 27.9% in 2004/5) with Army support and concern for their family.



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26. **All spouses**: Overall, 56.6% are very satisfied/satisfied with the Army as a way of life; 16.2% are dissatisfied/very dissatisfied.

27. **All spouses**: Since 2001, a *larger* percentage reported that, overall, they are very satisfied/satisfied with the Army as a way of life (53.1% in 2001, 56.6% in 2004/5).



How satisfied OR dissatisfied are you with each of the following?

All spouses

If your Soldier spouse were to make/has made the Army a career 62.8%

Kind of life you can have in the Army 54.2%

Respect Army shows Soldiers 43.4%

Respect Army shows spouses 37.0%

Concern Soldier's unit has for families 34.9%





How satisfied OR dissatisfied are you with each of the following?

All spouses

If your Soldier spouse were to make/has made Army a career

12.6%

Kind of life you can have in the Army

15.5%

Respect Army shows Soldiers

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Respect Army shows spouses

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Concern Soldier's unit has for families

32.3%





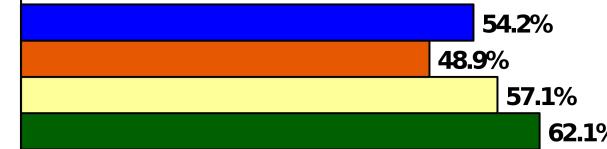
How satisfied OR dissatisfied are you with each of the following?

All spouses (1991/2, 1995, 2001, 2004/5)

If your Soldier spouse were to make/has made Army a career



Kind of life you can have in the Army



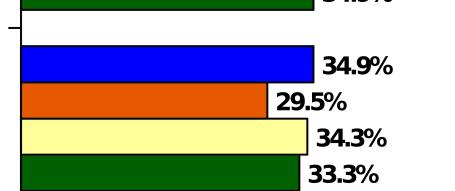
Respect Army shows Soldiers



Respect Army shows spouses



Concern soldier's unit has for families



2004/5
2001
1995
1991/2

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%
Percent very satisfied/satisfied

2004/5 SE +/- 1% (Q77A1-5_111)
2001 SE +/- 1%
1995 SE +/- 1%

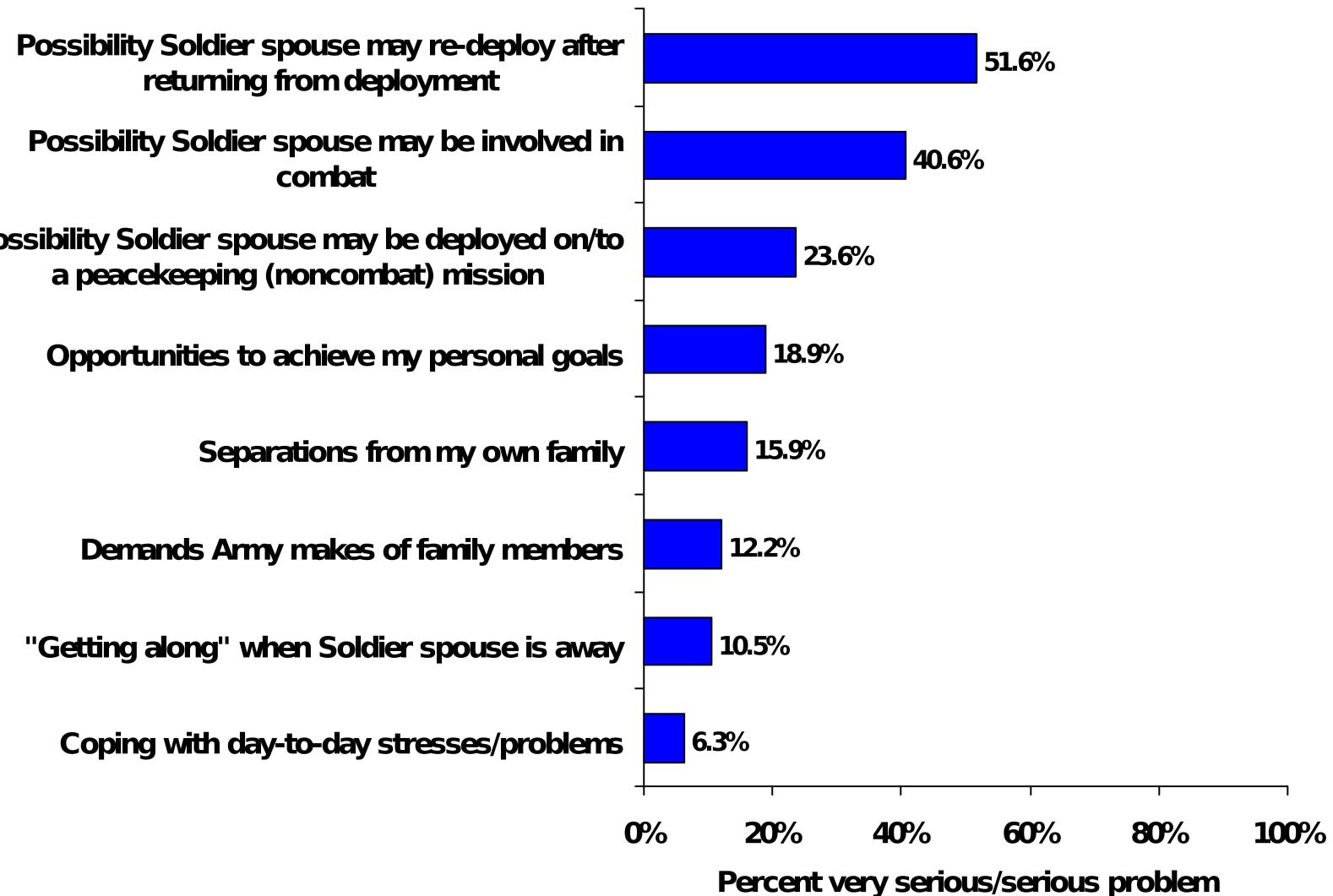
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How much of a problem is each of the following to you?

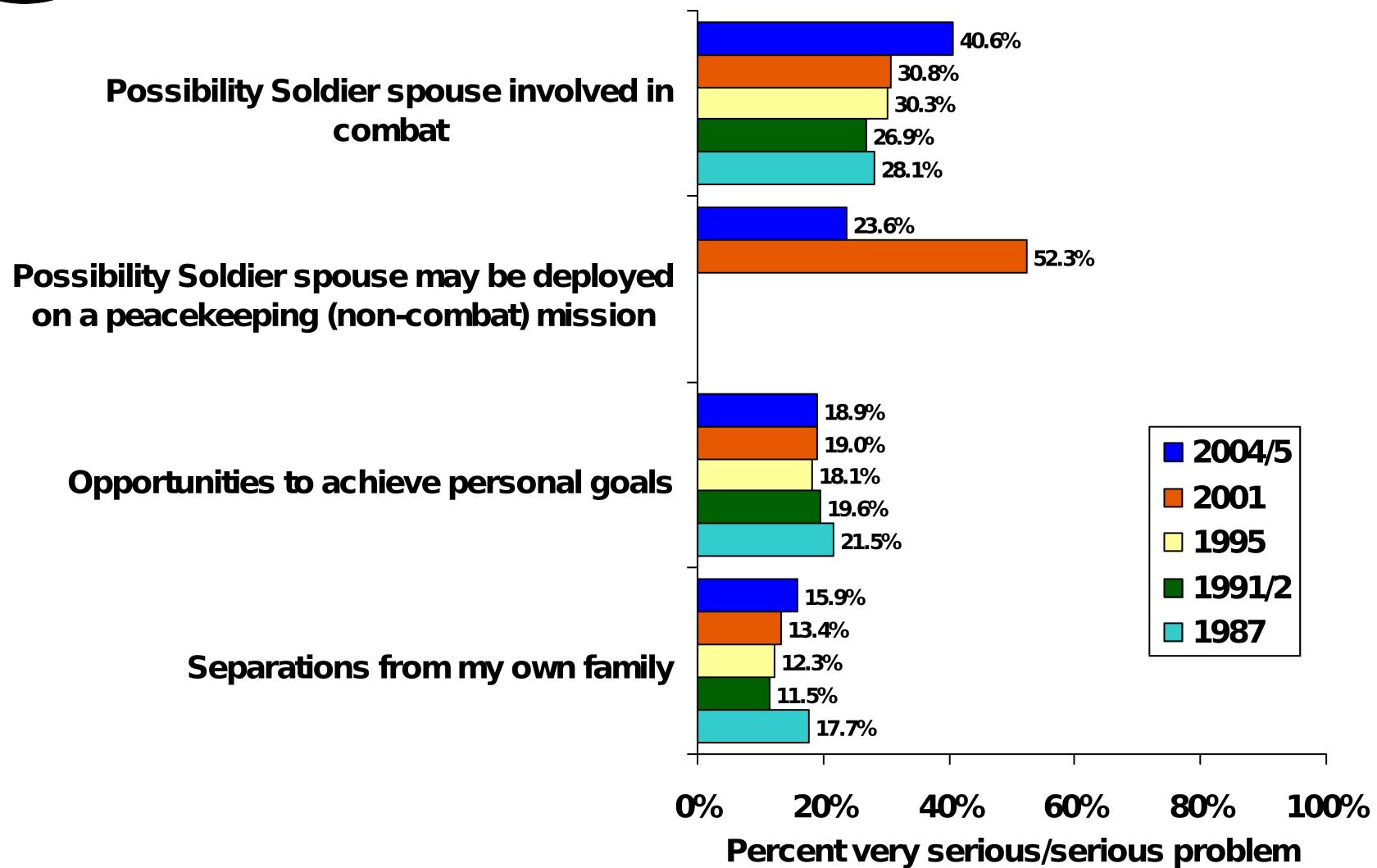
All spouses





How much of a problem is each of the following to you?

All spouses (1987, 1991/2, 1995, 2001, 2004/5)



2004/5 SE +/- 1% (Q78A4-7_111)

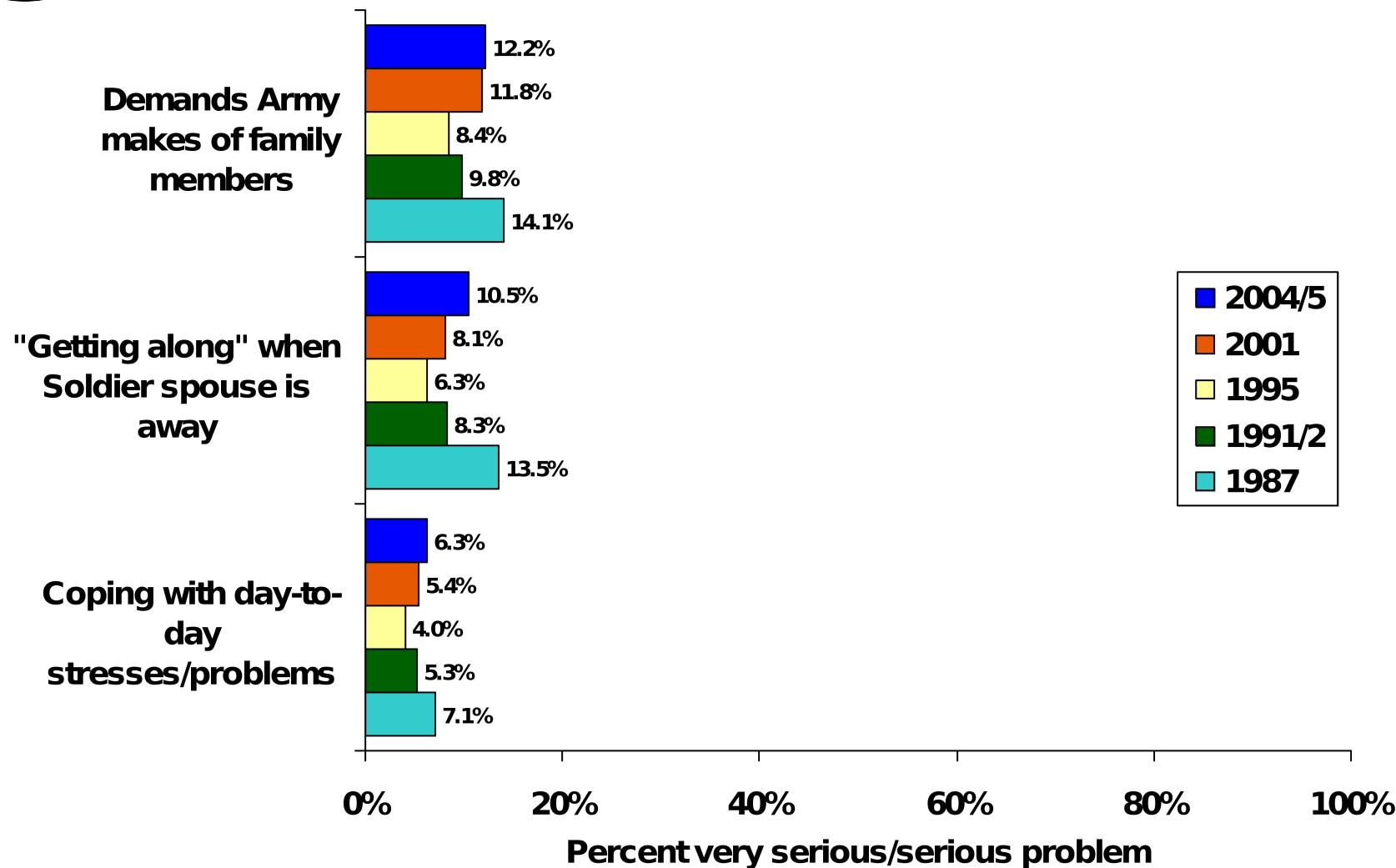
2001 SE +/- 1%

1995 SE +/- 1%



How much of a problem is each of the following to you? (Continued)

All spouses (1987, 1991/2, 1995, 2001, 2004/5)



2004/5 SE +/- 1% (Q78A1-3_111)

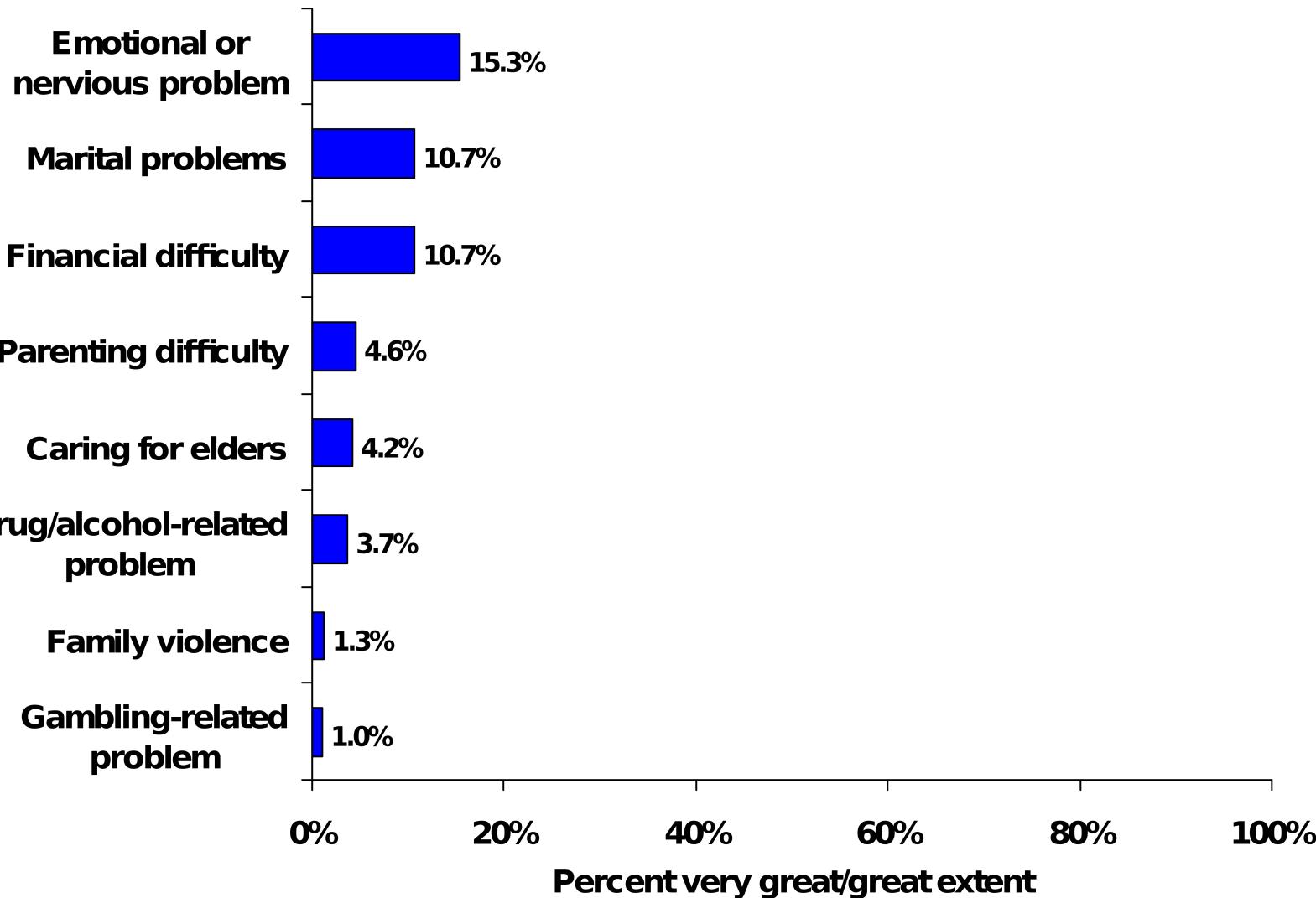
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1995 SE +/- 1%



To what extent have you had/experienced in your family any of the following problems in the last 6 months?

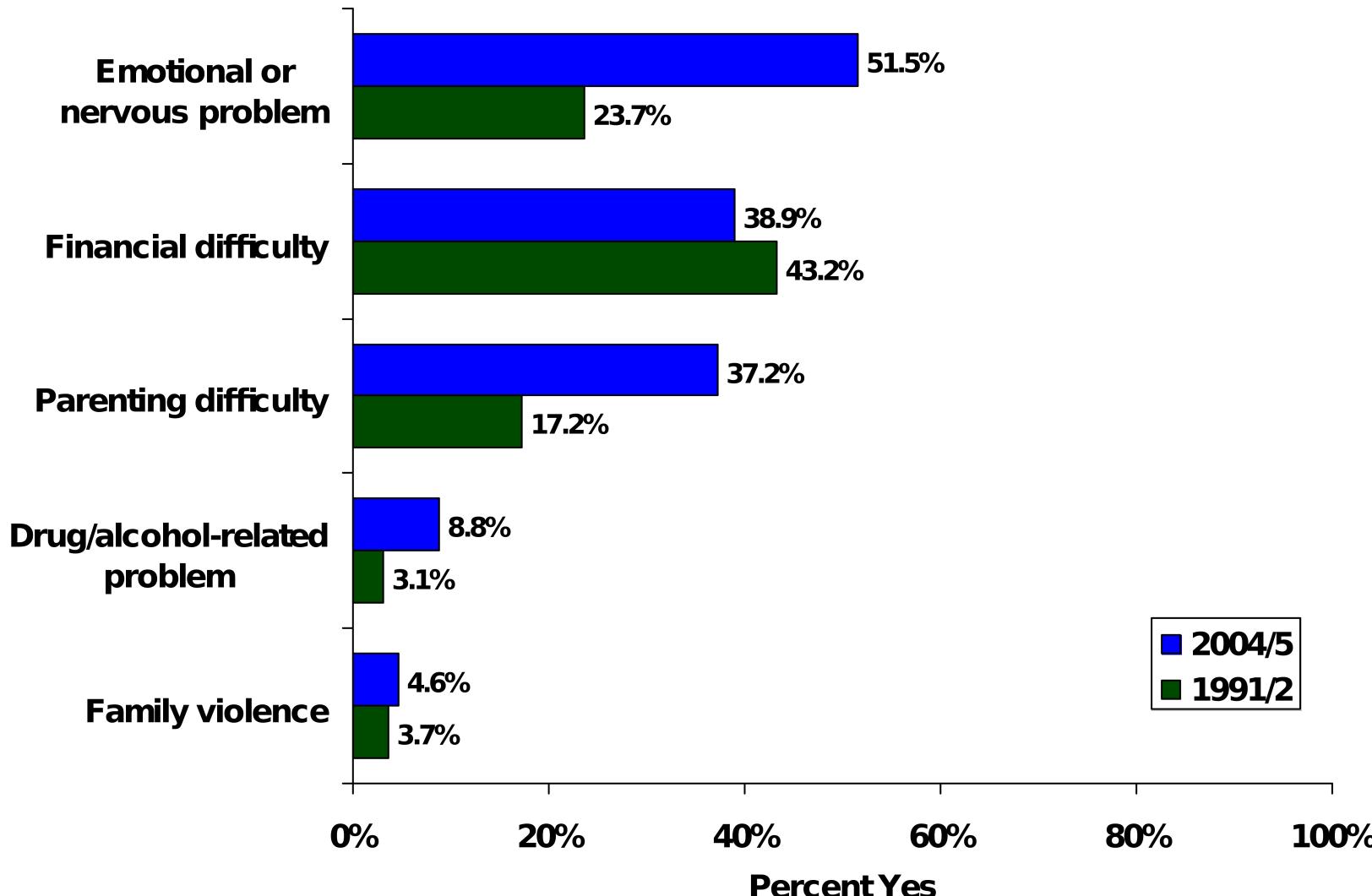
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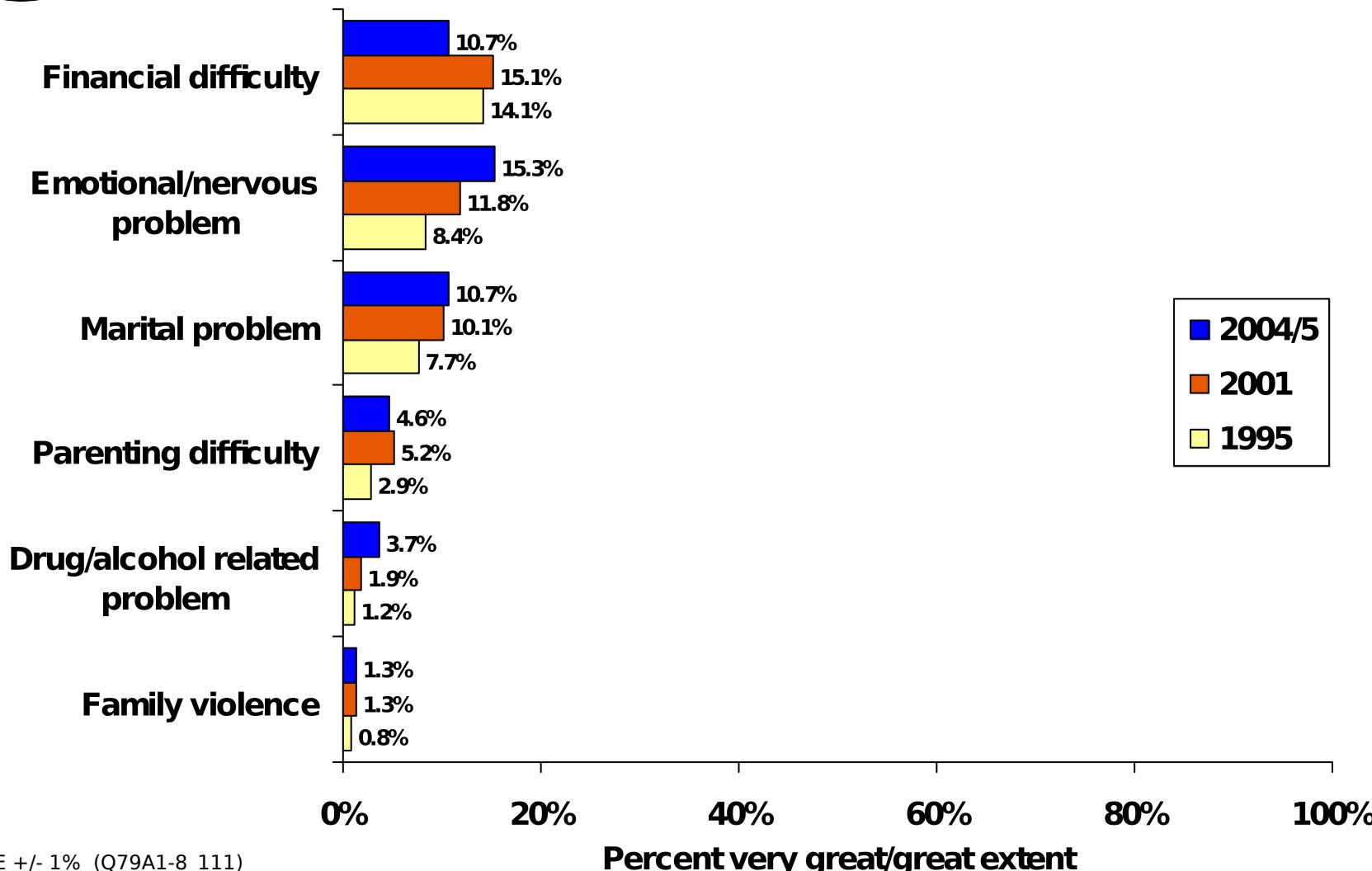
All spouses (1991/2, 2004/5)





To what extent have you had/experienced in your family any of the following problems in the last 6 months?

All spouses (1991/2, 1995, 2001, 2004/5)



2004/5 SE +/- 1% (Q79A1-8_111)

2001 SE +/- 1%

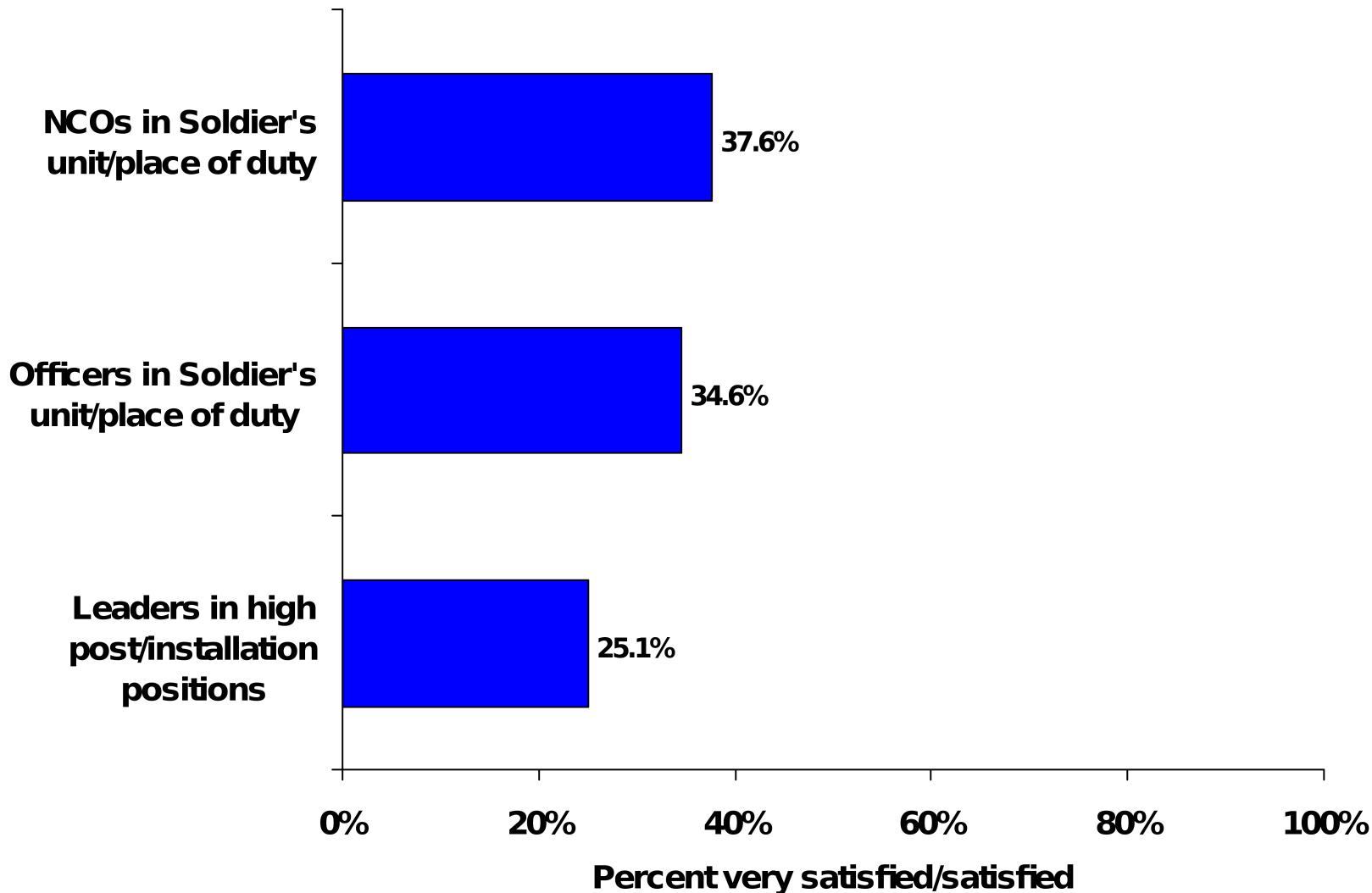
1995 SE +/- 1%

1991/2 SE +/- 1%



How satisfied are you with the support and concern the following Army leaders show for your family?

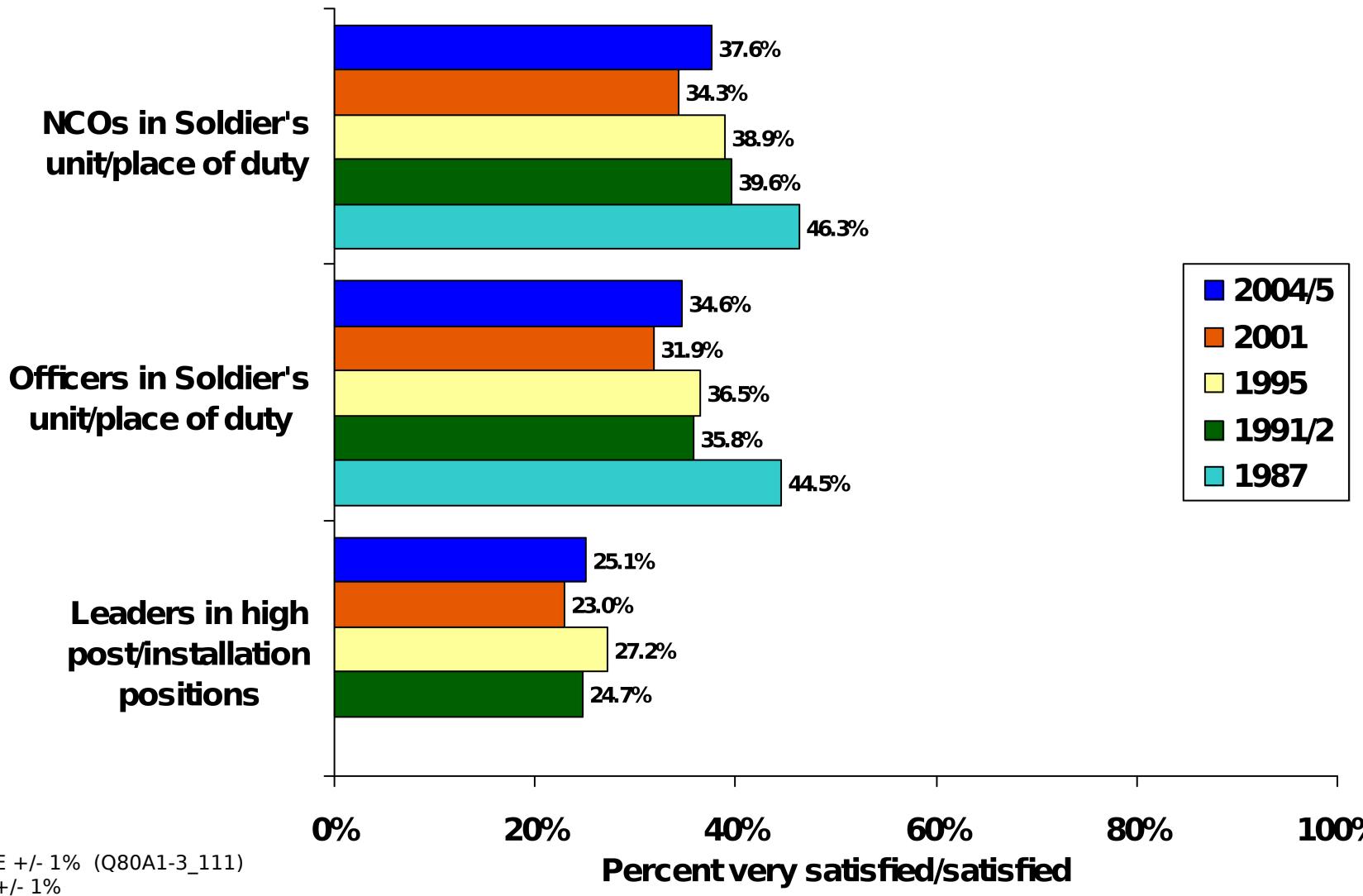
All spouses





How satisfied are you with the support and concern the following Army leaders show for your family?

All spouses (1987, 1991/2, 1995, 2001, 2004/5)



2004/5 SE +/- 1% (Q80A1-3_111)

2001 SE +/- 1%

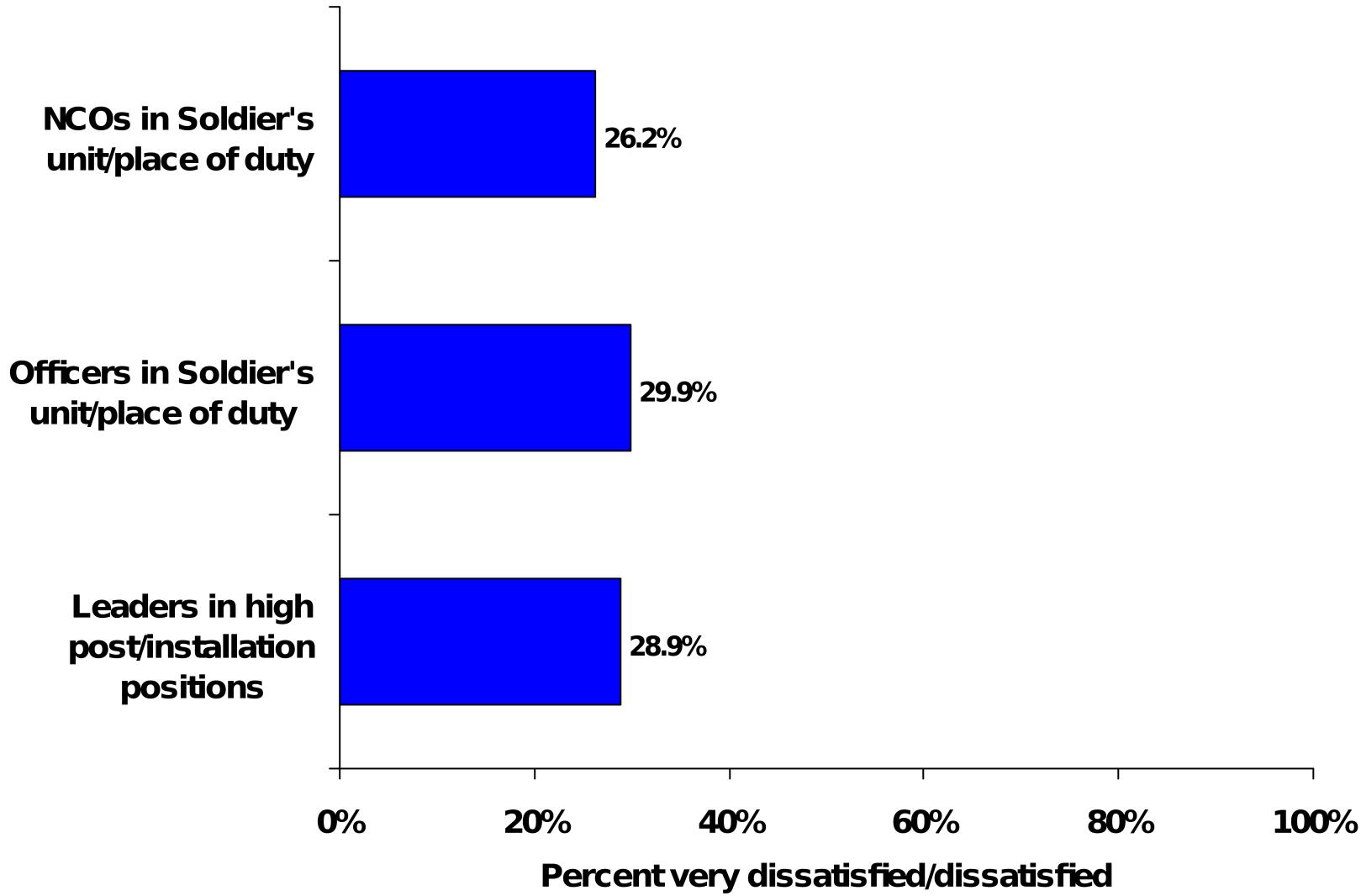
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1991/2 SE +/- 1%



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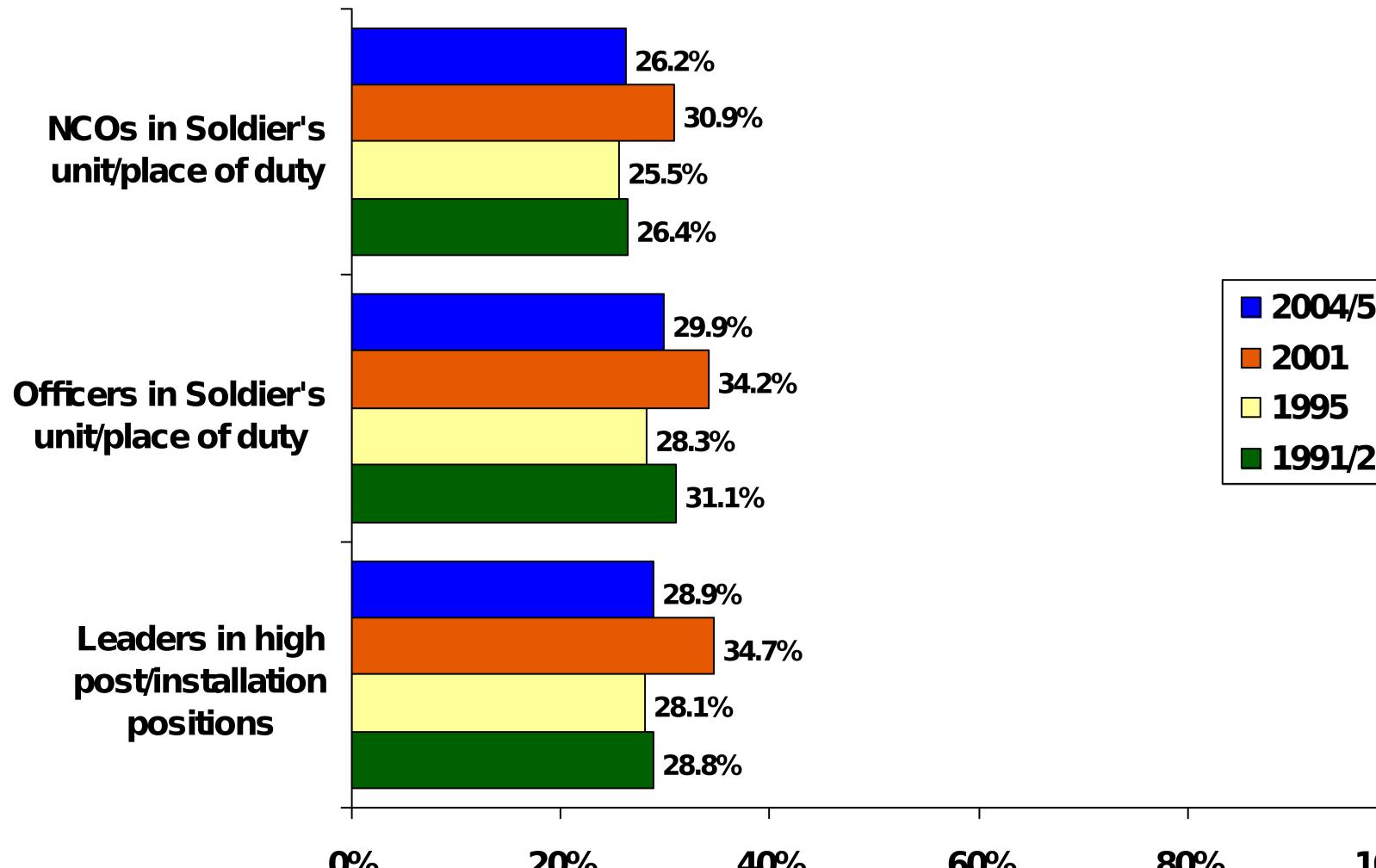
All spouses





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All spouses (1991/2, 1995, 2001, 2004/5)



2004/5 SE +/- 1% (Q80A1-3_111)

2001 SE +/- 1%

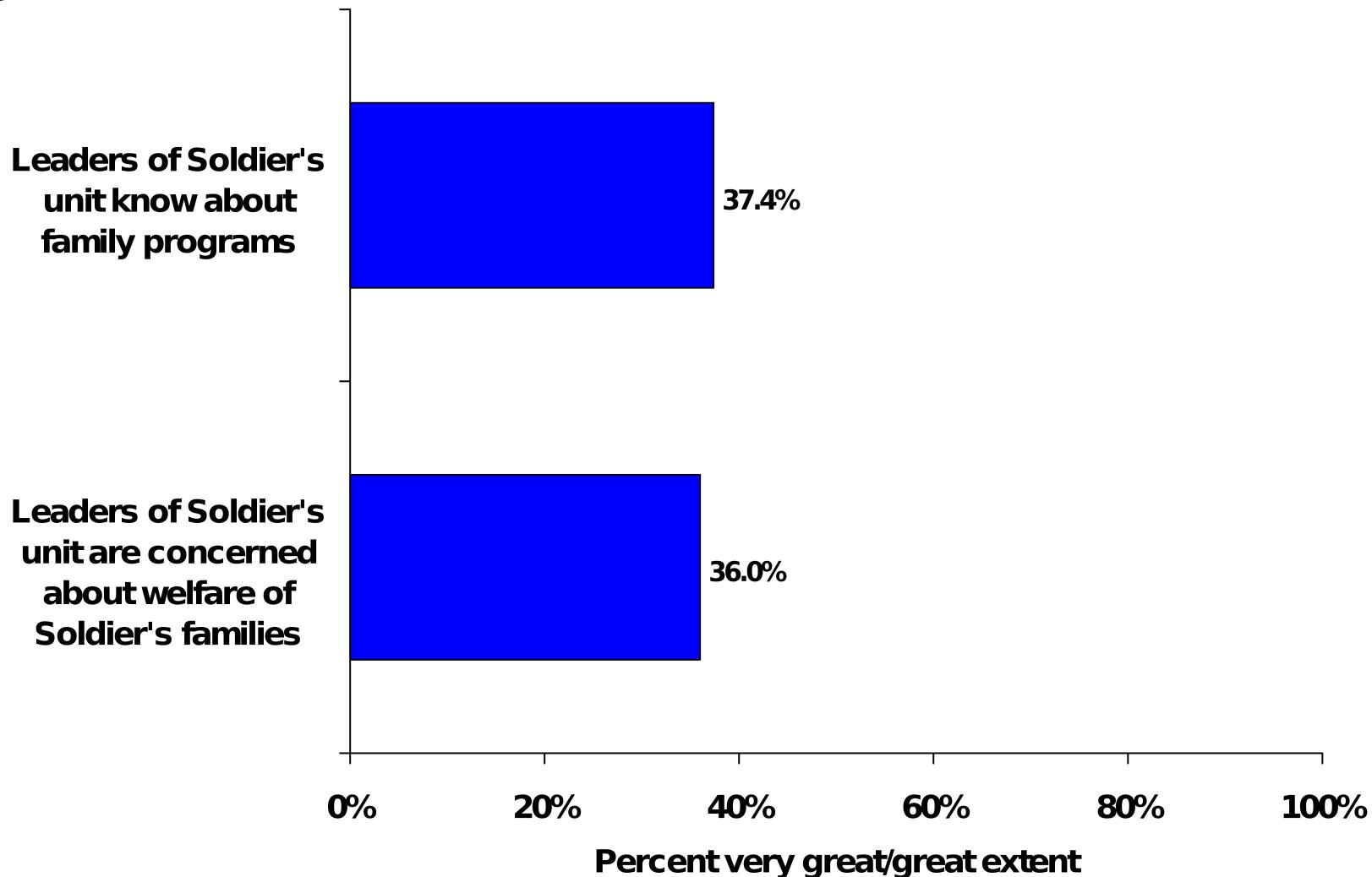
1995 SE +/- 1%

1991/2 SE +/- 1%



To what extent do the following apply to the leaders at your spouse's place of duty?

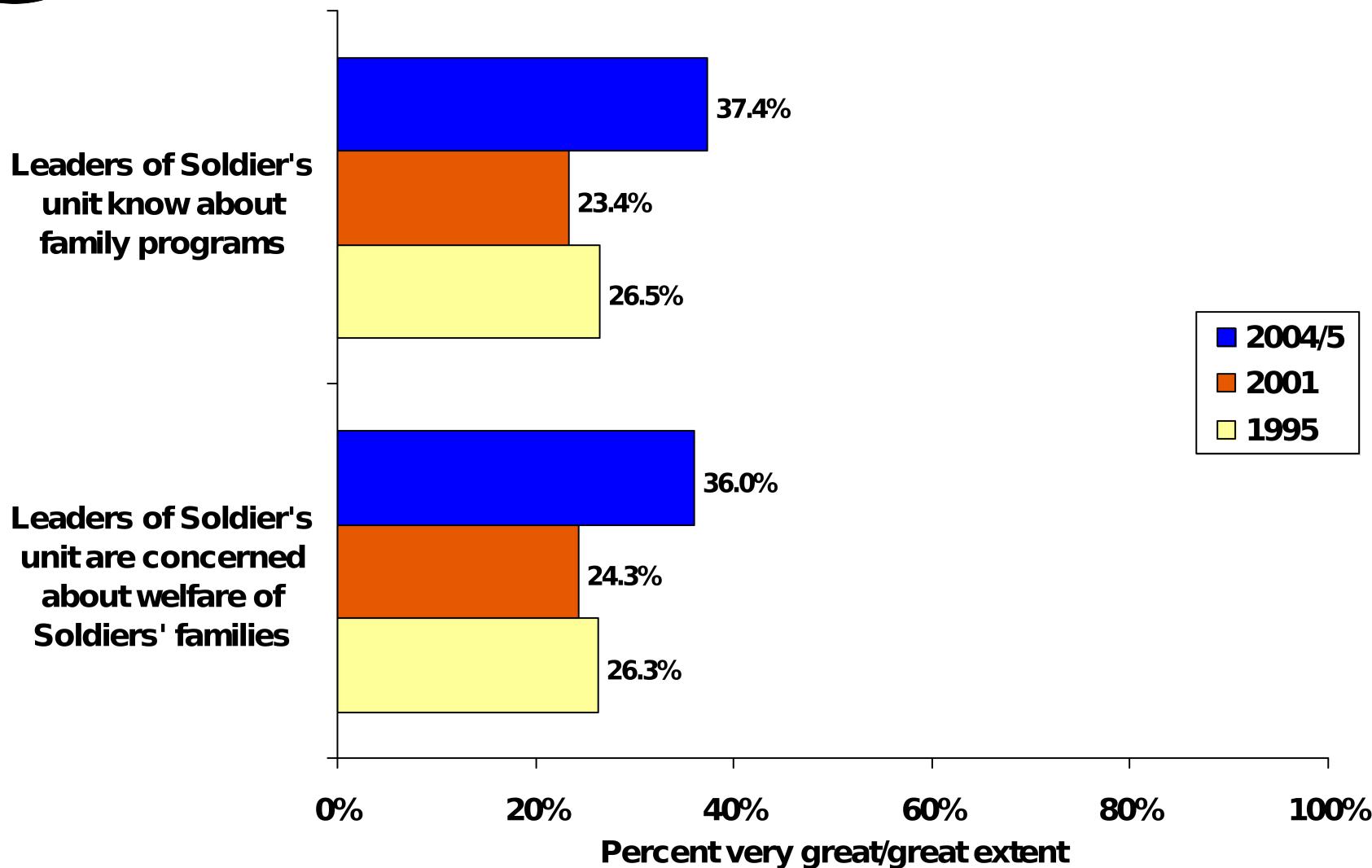
All spouses





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All spouses (1995, 2001, 2004/5)



2004/5 SE +/- 1% (Q81A1-2_111)

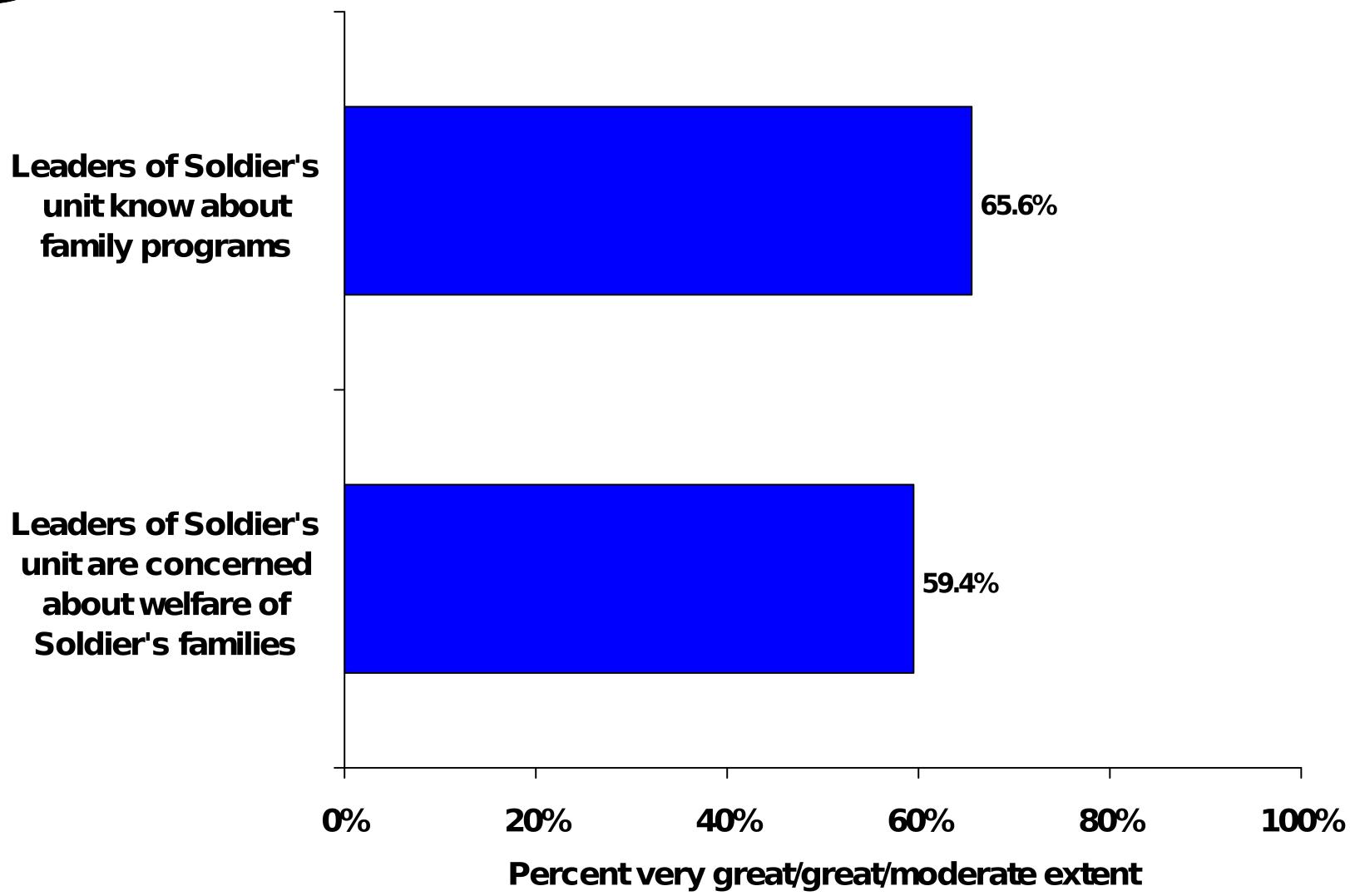
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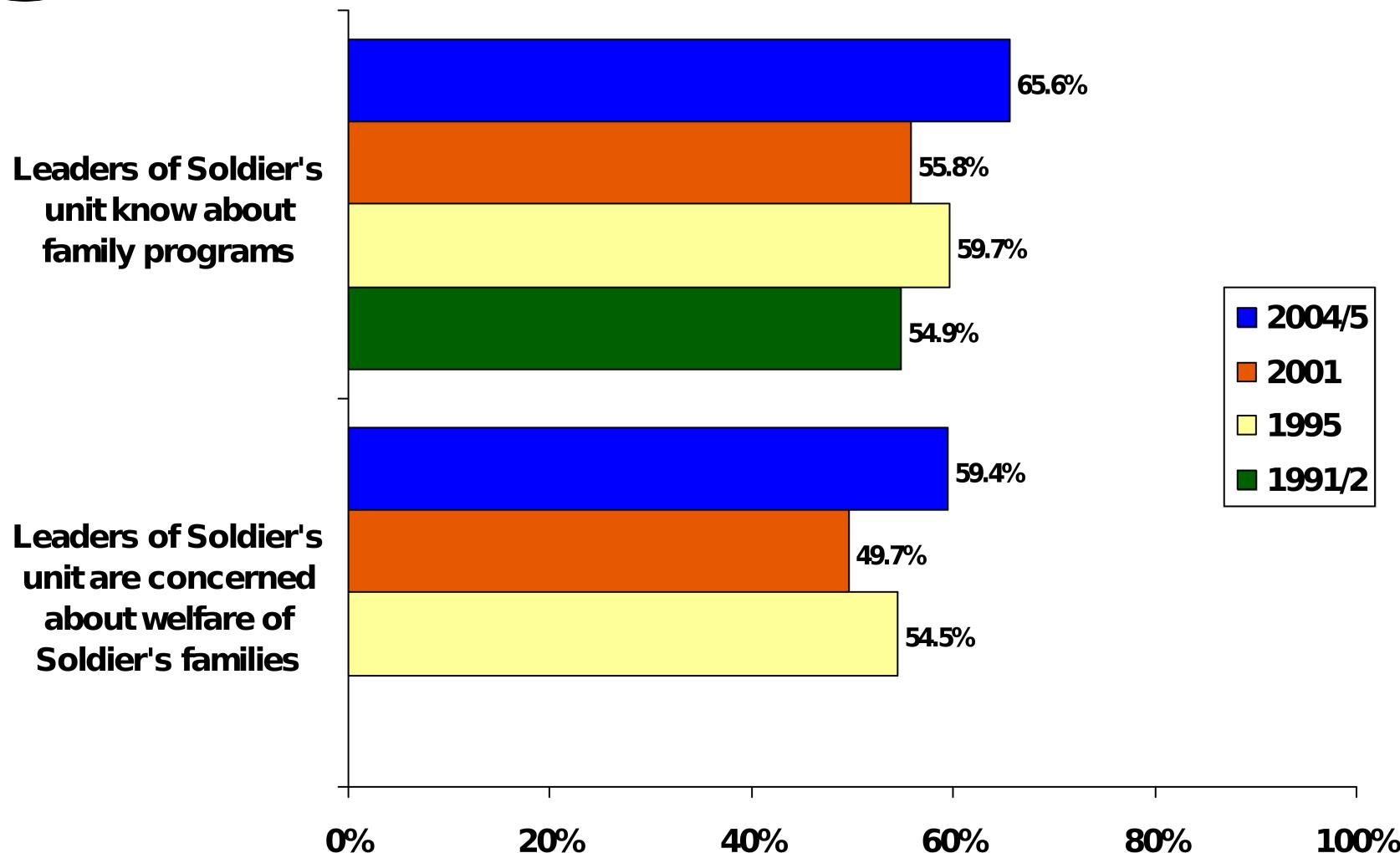
All spouses





To what extent do the following apply to the leaders at your spouse's place of duty?

All spouses (1991/2, 1995, 2001, 2004/5)



2004/5 SE +/- 1% (Q81A1-2_111)

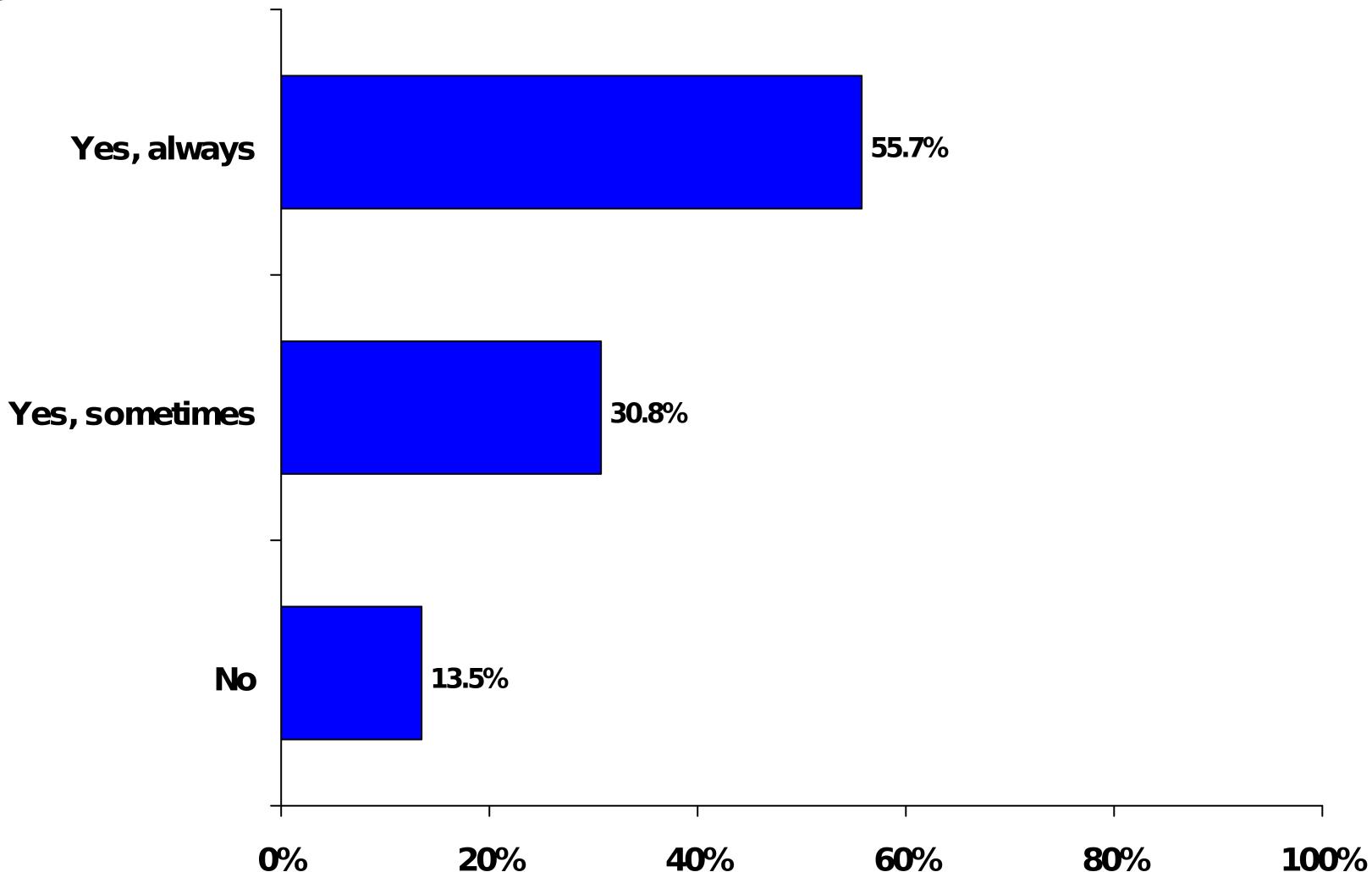
2001 SE +/- 1%

1995 SE +/- 1%



At your current location, is there a friend, neighbor, or relative (besides your spouse) outside your home who will listen to you when you need to talk?

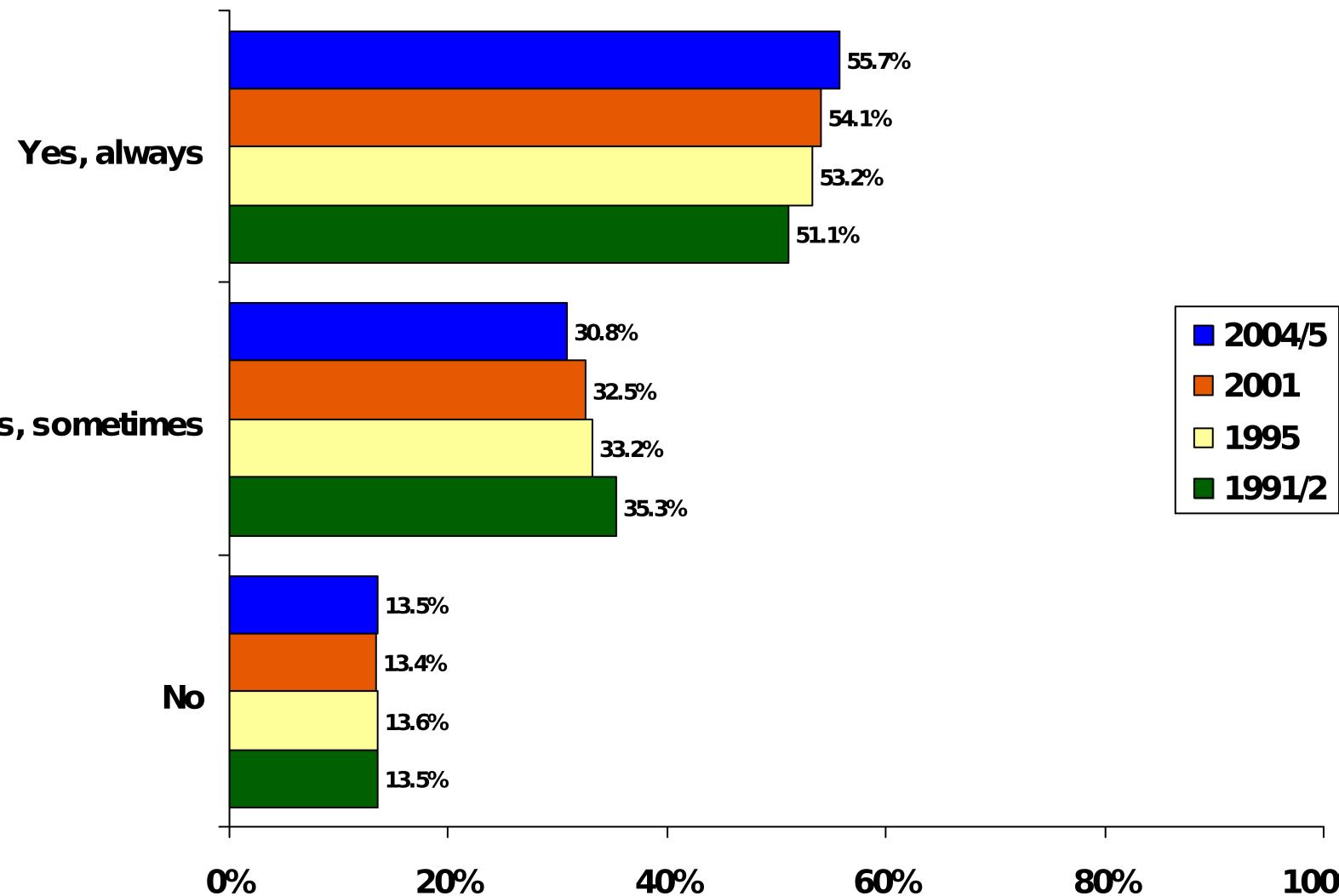
All spouses





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All spouses (1991/2, 1995, 2001, 2004/5)



2004/5 SE +/- 1% (Q82_111)

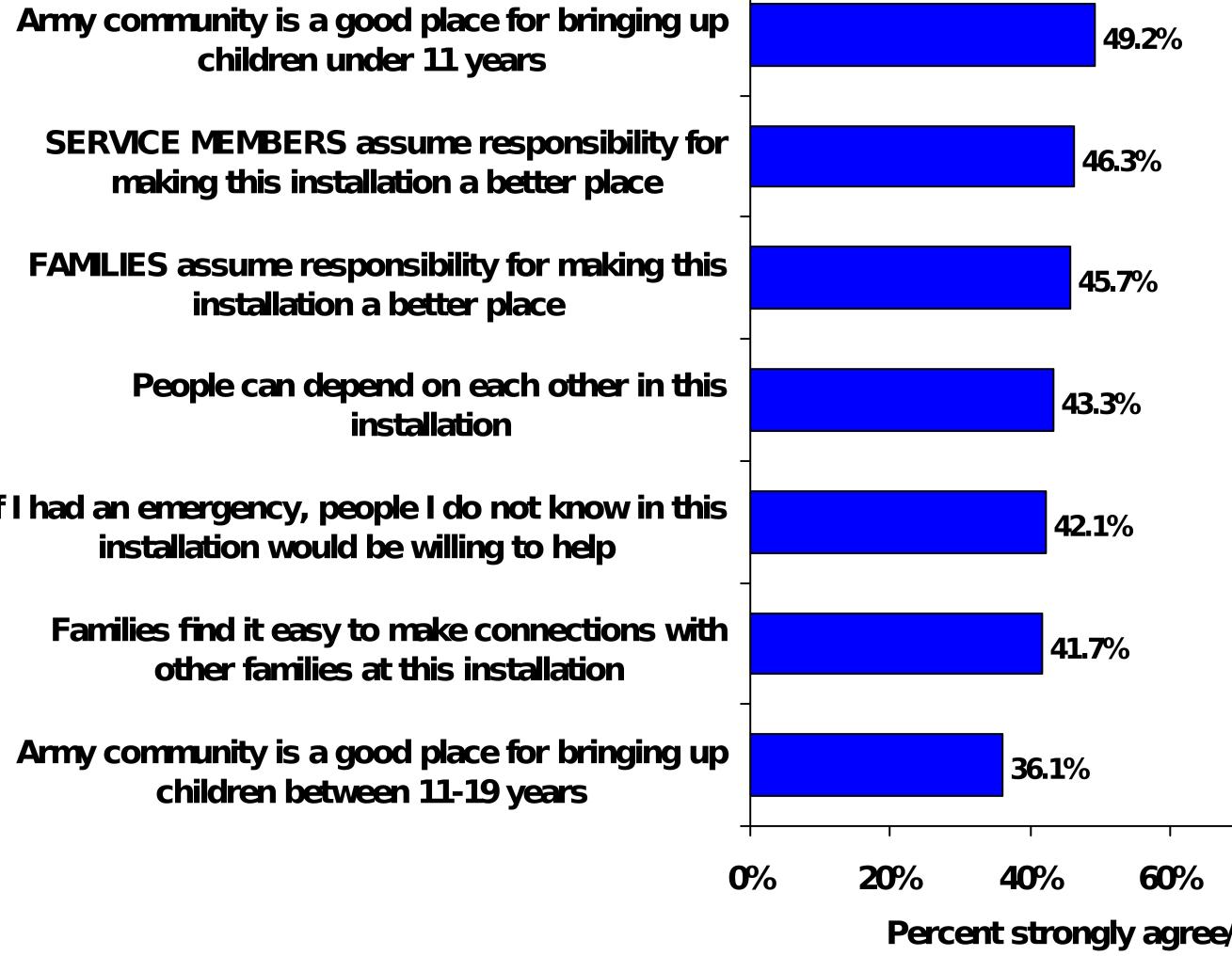
2001 SE +/- 1%

1995 SE +/- 1%



To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

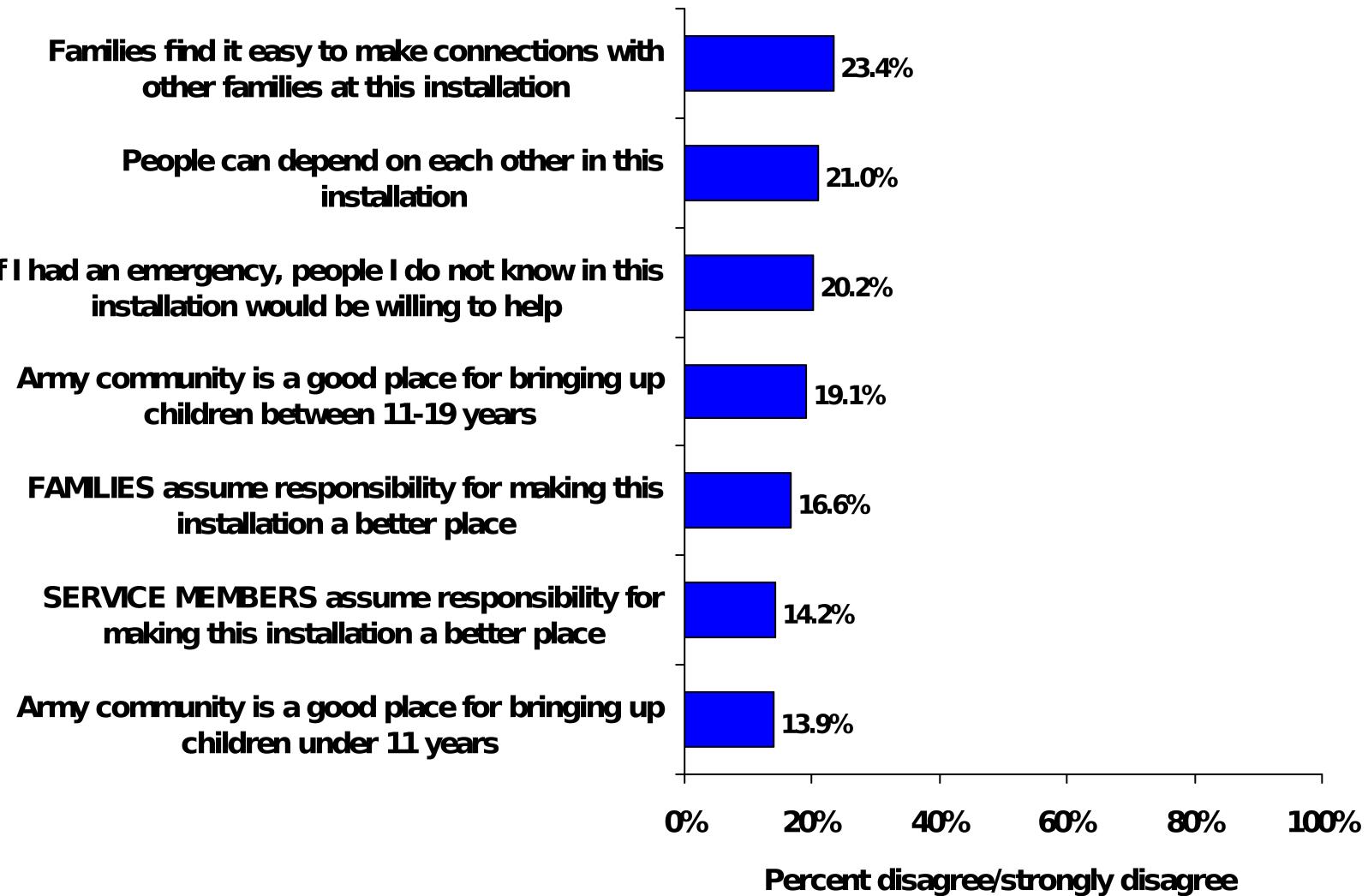
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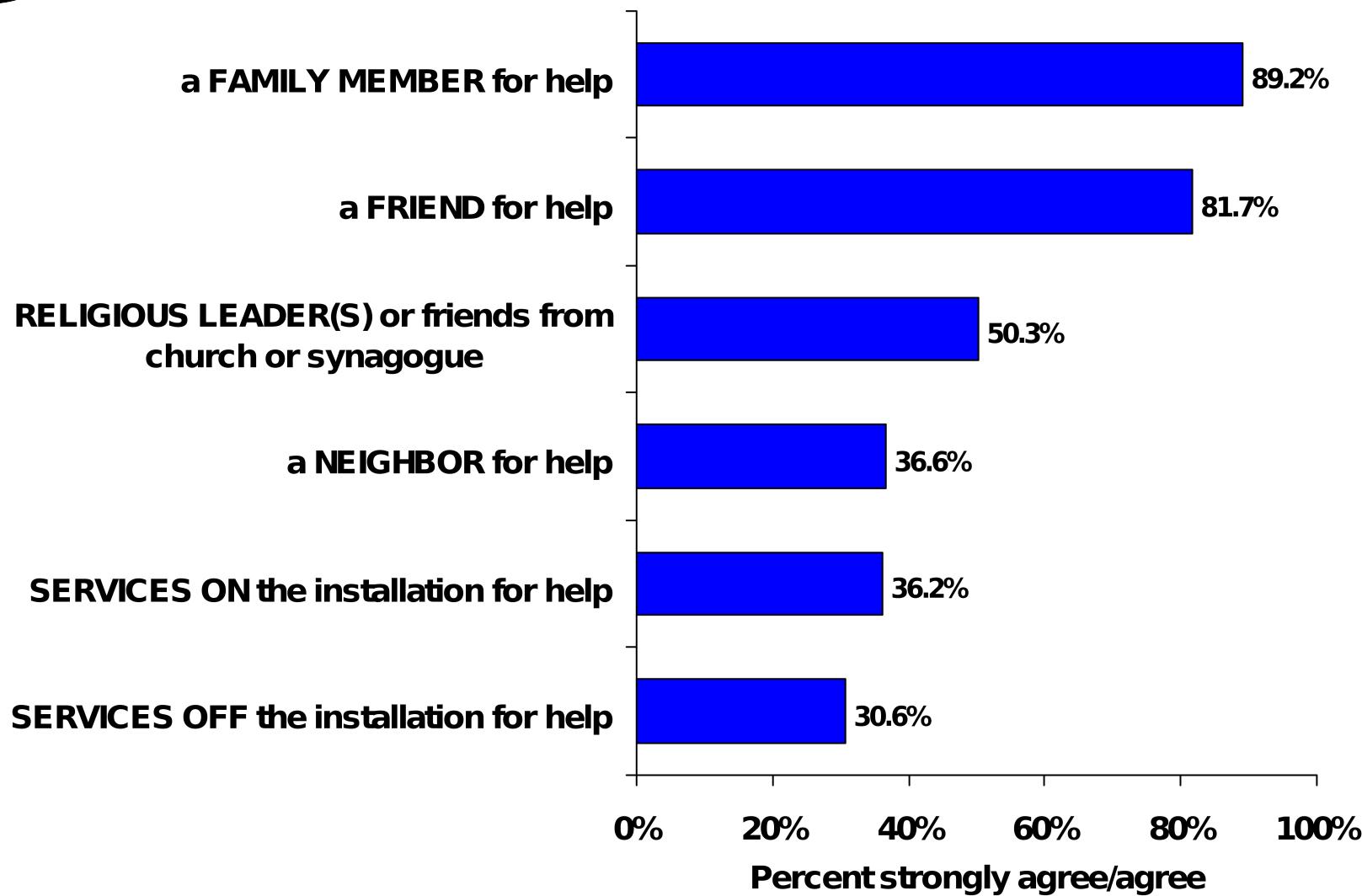
All spouses





If I had a personal or family problem, I would be willing to turn to:

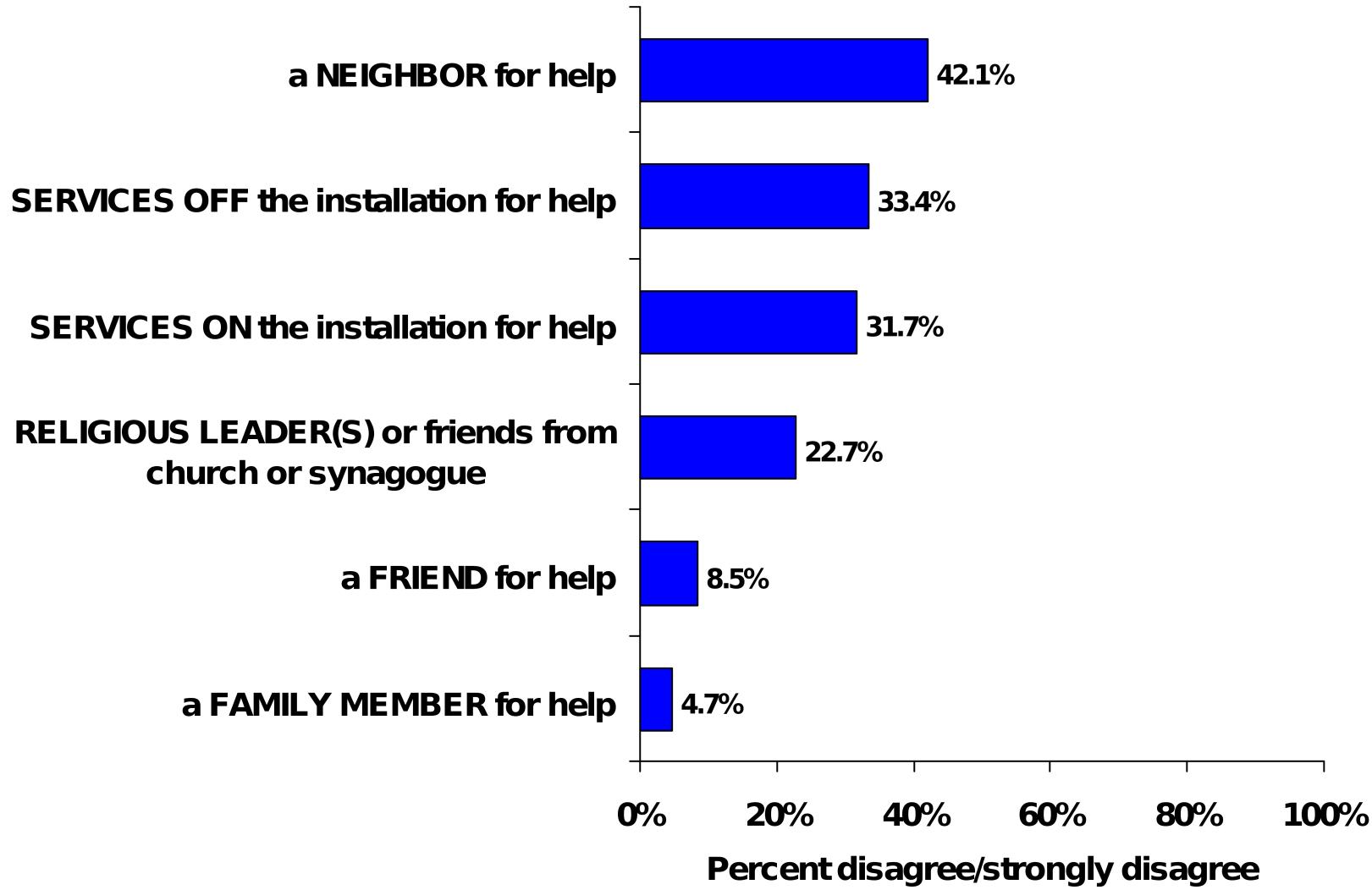
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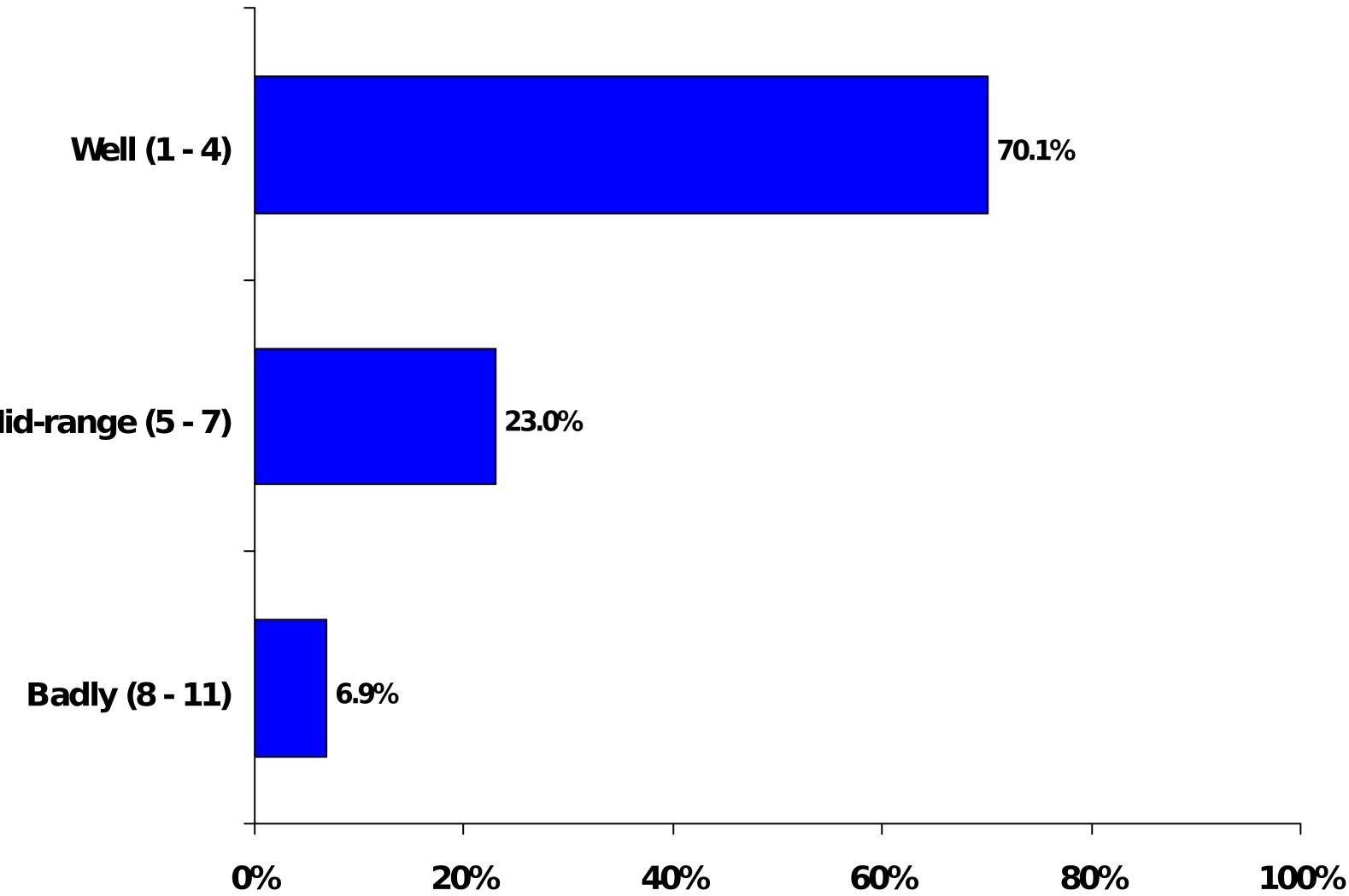
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In general, how well has your family adjusted to the demands of being an “Army family”?

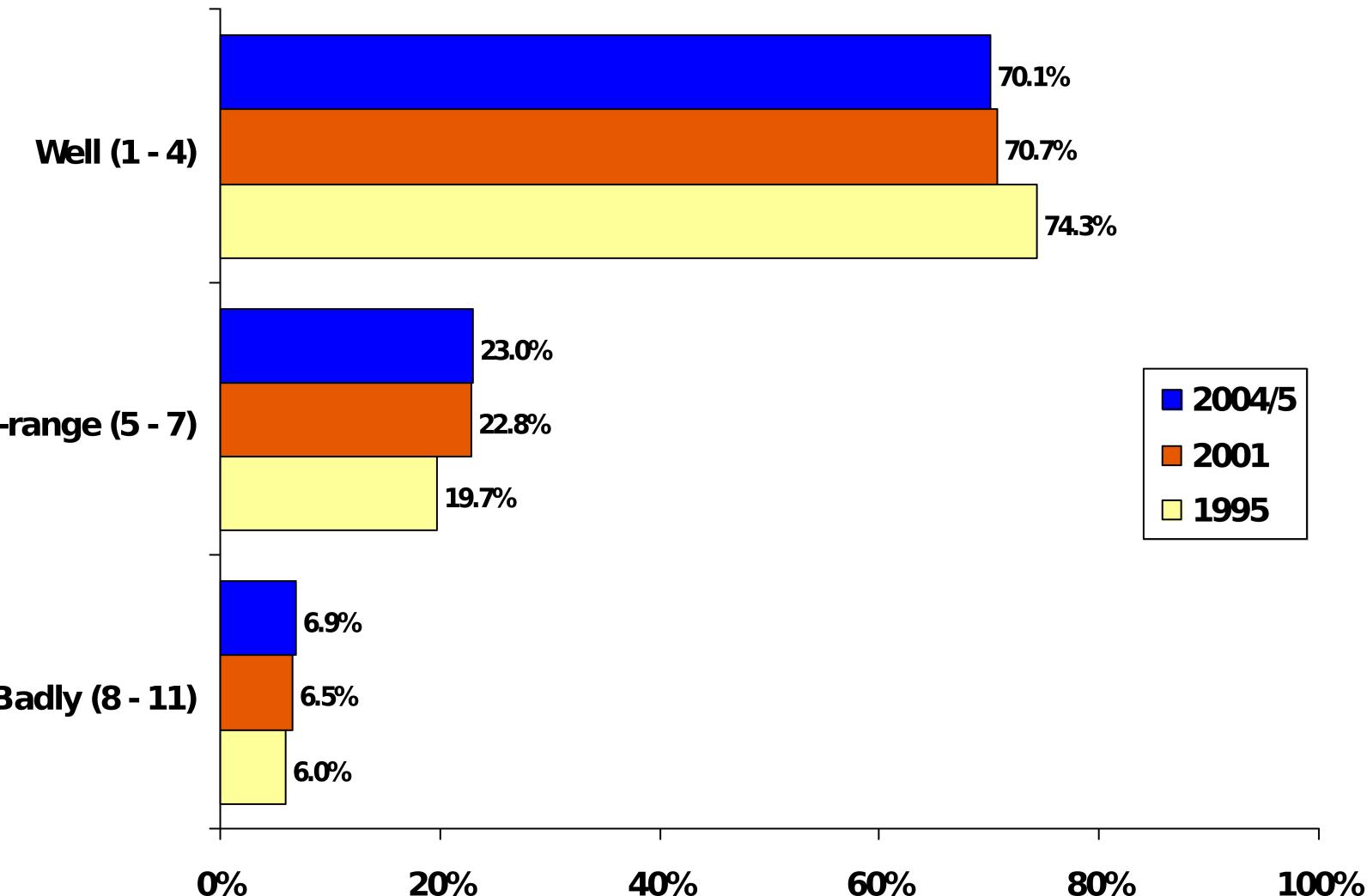
All spouses





In general, how well has your family adjusted to the demands of being an “Army family”?

All spouses (1995, 2001, 2004/5)



2004/5 SE +/- 1% (Q85_111)

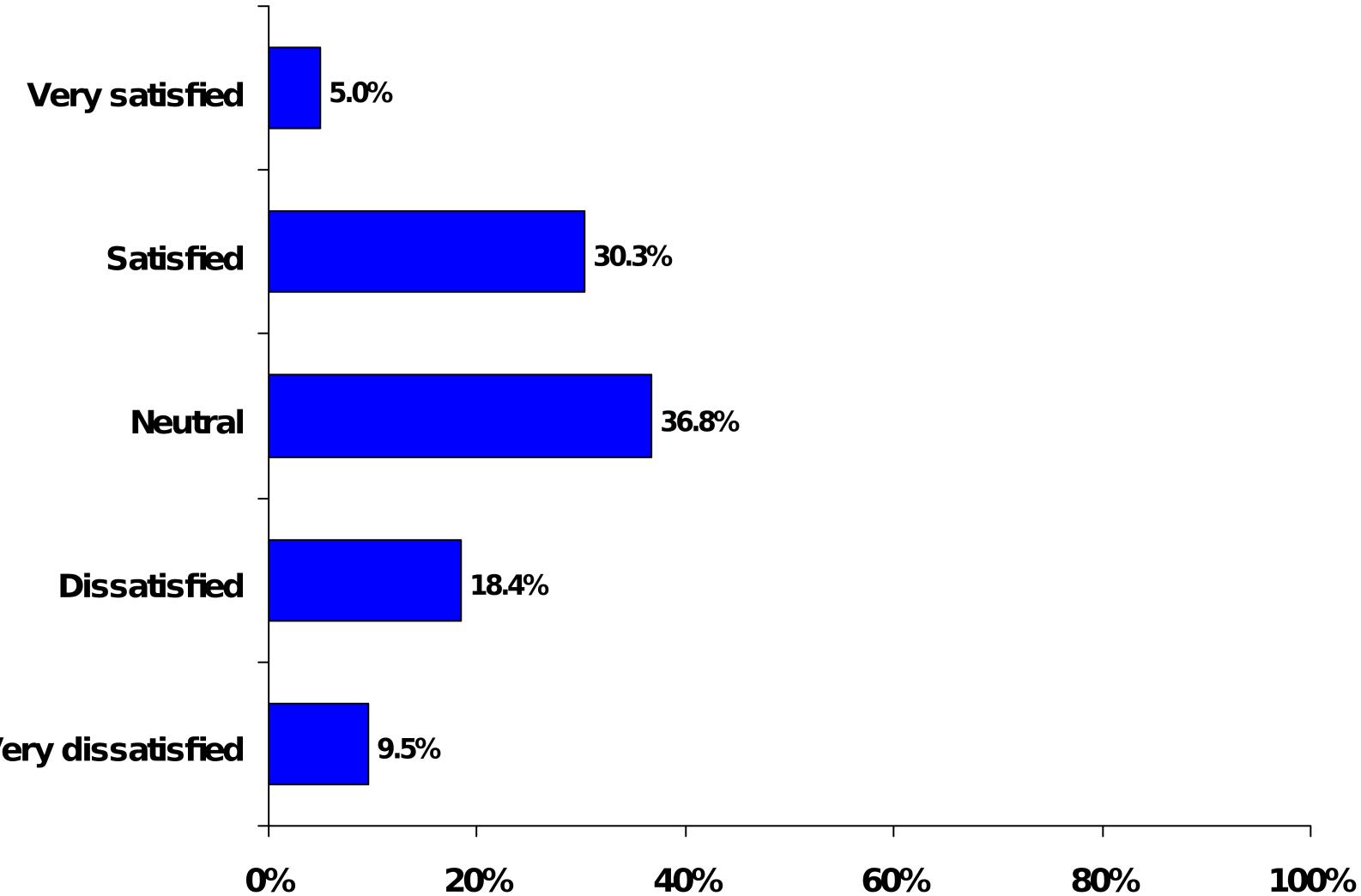
2001 SE +/- 1%

1995 SE +/- 1%



How satisfied are you with the support and concern the Army has for your family?

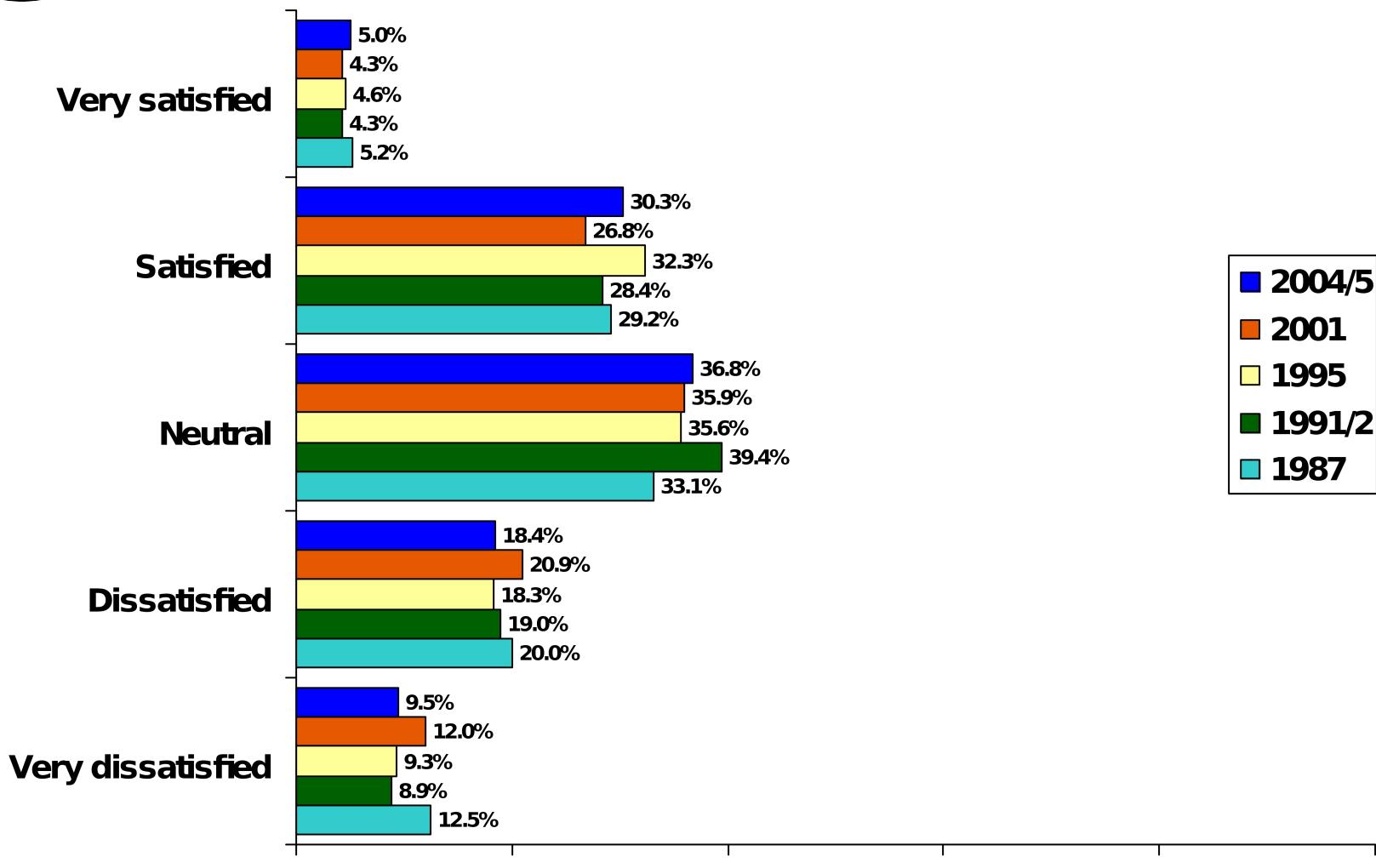
All spouses





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All spouses (1987, 1991/2, 1995, 2001, 2004/5)



2004/5 SE +/- 1% (Q86_111)

2001 SE +/- 1%

1995 SE +/- 1%

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

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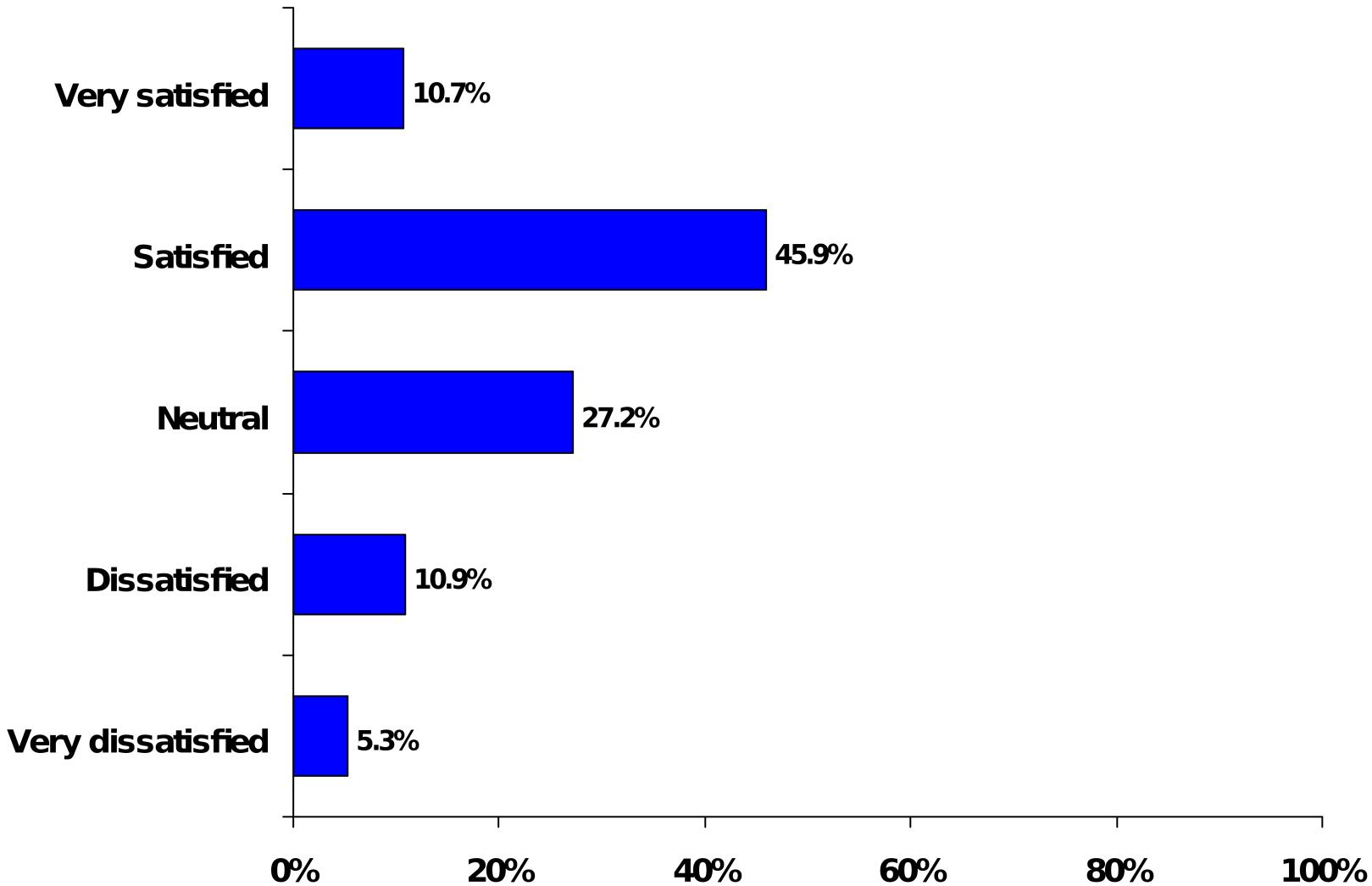
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Overall, how satisfied are you with the Army as a way of life?

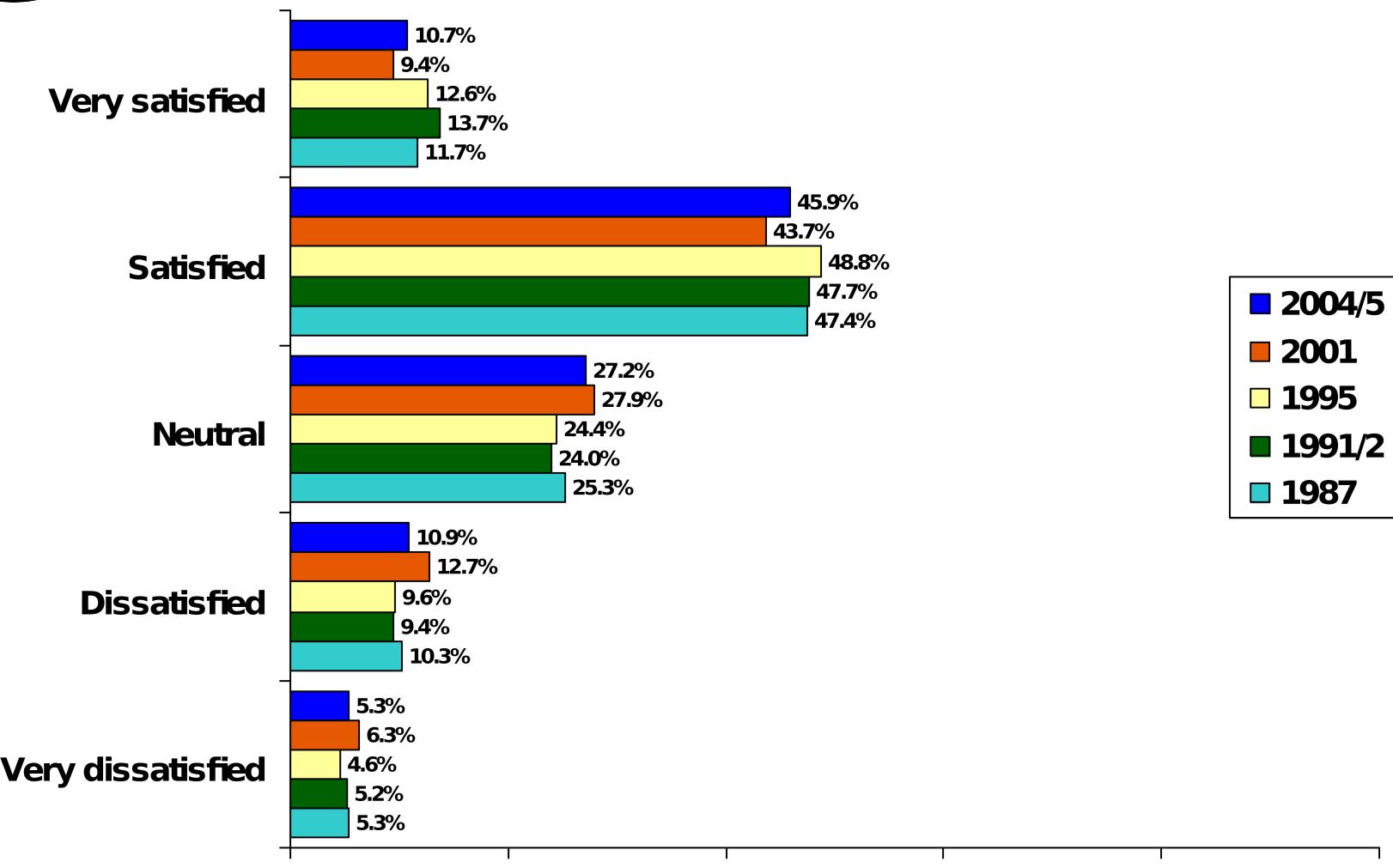
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Overall, how satisfied are you with the Army as a way of life?

All spouses (1987, 1991/2, 1995, 2001, 2004/5)



2004/5 SE +/- 1% (Q87_111)

2001 SE +/- 1%

1995 SE +/- 1%